

Women's Wellness Connection

Prevention Services Division

Tobacco Use Assessment Policy Effective January 20, 2011 Updated July 1, 2013

I. Background

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has required that all National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (NBCCEDP) grantees assess all clients enrolled for tobacco use status and promote tobacco cessation services. Therefore, Women's Wellness Connection (WWC) is committed to promoting tobacco cessation to all clients enrolled in the program.

II. Policy

- 1. All clients enrolled in WWC should be evaluated for tobacco use. For clients who express interest in quitting, a referral to the Colorado QuitLine should be made.
- 2. All clients who screen positive for tobacco use should be provided with QuitLine materials, regardless of their interest in quitting.
- 3. WWC suggests using the ASK, ADVISE, and REFER method for agencies that do not already assess clients for tobacco use and promote quitting:
 - a. ASK every client at each encounter about tobacco use and document status.
 - b. ADVISE every tobacco user to quit with a clear, strong personalized health message about the benefits of quitting.
 - c. REFER clients who are ready to quit tobacco within the next 30 days to the Colorado QuitLine directly at 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669) or use the Fax-To-Quit form.

III. QuitLine Referral Process

1. For clients who express interest in a referral, a QuitLine Fax-To-Quit form should be filled out and faxed to the QuitLine. Once this form has been completed and faxed to the

WWC Tobacco Use Assessment Policy Effective January 20, 2011 Updated July 1, 2013 QuitLine, a QuitLine employee will call the client to provide tobacco cessation counseling services.

2. The QuitLine Fax-To-Quit form with fax number can be downloaded from https://www.coquitline.org/providers_partners/default.aspx

IV. Additional Tobacco Cessation Resources

- 1. Free posters and patient education materials for healthcare providers can be found at http://www.cohealthresources.org (click on Tobacco Cessation)
- 2. Additional fax referral forms, tobacco cessation tools and pharmacotherapy guidelines are available at http://www.coprevent.org/p/a35.html?q=A35